

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(Not for submission under 37 CFR 1.99)

Application Number	10/587,297
Confirmation Number	6533
Filing Date	2006-07-26
First Named Inventor	Tsutomu Nakamura
Art Unit	1791
Examiner Name	Justin R. Fischer
Attorney Docket Number	Q95748

U.S. PATENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No	Patent Number	Kind Code ¹	Issue Date	Name of Patentee or Applicant of cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
	1.					

U.S. PATENT APPLICATION PUBLICATIONS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No	Publication Number	Kind Code ¹	Publication Date	Name of Patentee or Applicant of cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
	1.					

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No	Foreign Document Number ³	Country Code ²	Kind Code ⁴	Publication Date	Name of Patentee or Applicant of cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁵
	1.	2002-019413	JP	A	2002-01-23	Bridgestone Corporation		Abstract
	2.	2005-001552	JP	A	2005-01-06			Abstract
	3.	62-113605	JP	A	1987-05-25			Abstract
	4.	2003-276404	JP	A	2003-09-30			Abstract
	5.	2006-011614	JP	A	2006-01-12			Abstract
	6.	2002-234032	JP	A	2002-08-20	Bridgestone Corporation		Abstract
	7.	03/099590	WO	A1	2003-04-12	Bridgestone Corporation		Abstract
	8.	1 213 159	EP	A2	2002-06-12	Bridgestone Corporation		N/A

NON-PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city, and/or country where published.	T ⁵
	1.	International Search Report dated April 21, 2005	
	2.	European Search Report dated February 1, 2008	

EXAMINER SIGNATURE

Examiner Signature	Date Considered

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through a citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

1 See Kind Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.USPTO.GOV or MPEP 901.04. 2 Enter office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). 3 For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. 4 Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. 5 Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language translation is attached.